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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the application of:

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For:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH

NOTIFICATION OF REMAINING LIFE

OF IMAGE FORMING UNIT AND

PROHIBITION OF IMAGE IMPROVEMENT OPERATION

(as amended)

Examiner: Sandra L. Brase

Group Art Unit: 2852

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Action dated June 1, 2005, please amend this application as follows:

The Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

The Listing of Claims begins on page 3.

The Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9.

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An Appendix including amended drawings is attached following page 10.